Sacred Heart cagers beat Carbondale Area Chargers 57-51

By LARRY GABRIEL JR.

Sacred Heart, led by the "down the stretch" shooting of Tony Nicolo, kept their composure in the final 2:17 as the Roses (8-2, 3-0 league) knocked off intra-city rival Carbondale Area 57-51 at the losers' court.

The game, which attracted a good turnout, wasn't one of the most flawless games, but nevertheless, the contest had a typical Roses-Chargers exciting final quarter.

Following a pair of points for both ballclubs, the Roses scored six unanswered points to lead in the early going 8-2. Rollie Hoyle's two buckets sandwiched a Fred Mendicino successful net tickler for the early Roses margin.

The Rosen, who played a variety of defenses, successfully used a triangle defense in the first quarter. The Chargers (4-6 overall, 1-3 league) shot only five-for-17 from the field in the initial stanza, but managed to stay close.

A 12-5 Charger runoff was culminated by two Pete Turonis free throws, which tied the score as 12-12 at the 1:47 mark. Nicolo scored the Roses last three points for a 15-14 Roses lead at the end of the period.

Charger junior Bill Owens canned two quick field goals to start the second quarter for an 18-15 CA lead.

The game remained a two or five point spread until Charger center Brian Petrosky converted a three point play for a 27-20 CA lead with 1:39 left in the first half.

The Roses, who shot a miserable one-for-11 on the second quarter, managed to stay within a spurt away as the Chargers headed into the locker room with a 29-24 halftime lead.

Sacred Heart scored six unanswered points at the outset of the third quarter. Tony Bullett fired home four free throws and Jerry Fives added a deuce for a 30-29 Roses advantage. Bullett and Fives, who scored all but two of the Roses 14 points in the quarter, outscored the Chargers' Petrosky and Bebia for a 38-35 lead. Fives final bucket of the quarter, off a nifty Mendicino pass at the :04 mark, capped a 14-6 Rosens third period advantage.

Bullett, who scored the Roses first points in three of the four quarters, hit a bullseye at the 7:08 juncture for a 46-35 Roses lead.

The Chargers' inside game produced two scores as Petrosky and Owens moved the Chargers within one point, 40-39.

With 4:34 left in the game and the Roses ahead 42-41, Sacred Heart called a timeout. "We talked about being patient to get a good shot and playing smart basketball," said Roses coach George Wertmuller.

At this point, the Roses exhibited composure while the Chargers lost complete control on the court. With substitute Tom Moran swishing a shot from the wing and adding two free throws in the one-and-one situation, the Roses moved to a 46-41 lead. Tim Turano buried a quick jumper to narrow the game to 46-43 with 2:37 left, but the rest of the way was all powder blue and gold.

A Hoyle breakaway layup 13 seconds later lifted the rafters on the Roses side of the court as the Sacred Heart faithful erupted with delight.

The Chargers continued to take forced shots and failed to convert any of them. Nicolo worked his way free for two easy layups and two free throws to give the Roses a 54-45 lead with 1:40 to go in the game.

Mid-Valley - 76.
Lady Roses - 14

Mid-Valley led from start to finish in this one-sided game.

Records

Local team's records prior to this Monday's action are: Chargerettes (12-2 overall, 5-0 league, tied for first place), Lady Chiefs (9-2 league), Lady Roses (6-2 league). In the boys race, Lakeland (7-3 overall, 2-0 league, tied for first place), Roses (7-3 overall, 2-0 league, tied for first place), Chargers (9-5 overall, 1-1 league, tied for third place).

Basketball teams in full swing as season continues

The Lackawanna boys and girls leagues are in full swing. The first week of action gave the indication that the title races in both leagues will be tight, exciting ones. All three local boys teams are division contenders, while the Chargerettes appear to be the local representatives in the girls race.

Chiefs - 58.
Chargers - 52

Lakeland avenged a tournament loss to the Chargers with a hard fought win in the season opener. The victors benefitted from a 23-point performance by Mike Dean to pull off a mild upset. Brian Petrosky topped the Chargers with 21 points.

Roses - 54.
Mid-Valley - 53

Sacred Heart's Jerry Fives hit a layup in the closing seconds as the Roses wasted little time in getting their faithful back into regular season excitement. Rollie Hoyle led the Roses with 16 points, while Fives and Tony Bullett added ten apiece.

Chargerettes - 56.
Mid-Valley - 49

Carbondale Area, a title contender, struggled in the first half but rallied in the final two periods for the win. A 19-7 third quarter advantage was the difference. Kathy Wilk (15) and Lisa Hornbeck (11) led the Chargerettes.

Honesdale - 56.
Lady Roses - 36

The Lady Hornets burst to a 32-2 first quarter margin and coasted the rest of the way.

Roses - 68.
Honesdale - 57

Sacred Heart spread its scoring around quite evenly enroute to an 11 point win. Rollie Hoyle (22), Fred Mendicino (14), Tony Nicolo (10), Moran (10) and Jerry Fives (8) figured in almost all the scoring.

Chiefs - 73.
Riverside - 66

Lakeland piled up a 13 point lead into the fourth quarter, then played out the final eight minutes for the win. Mike Dean (35), Brian Schweppenheiser, Mike Medchak (14) and John Zadjura (12) led Lakeland.

Chargerettes - 60.
Mid-Valley - 57

Carbondale Area and Mid-Valley battle..it out in a holly contested game with the Chargers eking out the win. Tim Turano (18) and Andy Bebia (14) topped the Chargers.

Chargerettes - 81.
Lady Roses - 29

Carbondale Area outscored the Lady Roses 36-8 in the first half and breezed to tue win. Bonnie Moore (24) and Colleen Durkin (13) topped the Chargerettes.

Chargerettes - 41.
Lady Chiefs - 28

The Chargerettes outscored Lakeland 26-10 in the first half and were never threatened the rest of the way. Bonnie Moore (13) and Kathy Wilk (10) led the victors, while Lisa Stead (16) topped Lakeland.

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Free throw competition set Saturday

The Carbondale Area Council No. 329, Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Basketball Free-Throw contest on Saturday morning, January 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the gym of the Carbondale Area Jr-Sr High School. Grand Knight, Leo C. Derwinski, has announced the appointment of Gene T. Coolican as Chairman of the event. Timothy Ignatovich is Director of Youth Activities for the local Council. Boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14 are eligible to participate. Each group of boys and girls in the age groups of 11 years - 12 years - 13 years - 14 years will compete in their respective age groups.

Registration forms with pertinent details have been distributed in all area schools. Any young person not having received a form, may contact the following in the respective schools: Andy Cerra, Carbondale Area Athletic Director; Tim Snyder, St. Rose Elementery Athletic Director; George Wertmuller, Sacred Heart High School A.D.; Sister Charlotte, CJC, Principal Mount Carmel School; Don Schaffer, Western Wayne A.D.; and Charles B. chkawitz, A.D. Lakeland Schools.

Registration forms must be signed by the parents of the participants! Sneakers Only! Let's see how all youngsters taking part! Boys and girls that are planning to participate are reminded to bring their signed registration forms with them on January 14.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners in each age category, for both boys and girls! Certificates of participation will also be awarded. Winners on the local level will be eligible to participate in the K of C District Free Throw in Moscow, Pennsylvania, at a time and place to be announced.

The following K of C members will assist the Chairman: Nick Sopko, Nick Pascucci, Jr., James McHale, Francis Toolan, Joseph Toolan, Robert McHale, Joseph Munley, Ted Moyle, Teddy Moylan, Bill Kessler, Joseph Prebich, R.J. McHale, and Frank Manfredi.

Over 30 hoop results

A revitalized Club 526 defeated Baldi's 94-54 in the Carbondale YMCA Over 30 Basketball League.

Bill Vitzakovich had the game high with a long distance 34 points. He was assisted by Ben Grizzanti, 14, Brother Stan 12, Chet Kowalski 10 and Ron McDonough 10. Baldi's scoring machine was Danny Katchmore with 18, Gene Baldini offered 14, Dave Bernarsky and Frank Burnett split 20.

The Champs were dethroned by the Hilltoppers at the buzzer 53-52. Don Mancuso led the Toppers with 15, Dzielak and Ron Wakzak offered 12 and 11 respectively. The Champs high scorers were Chet Brown with 12, and Marty Andrews 10.

The Misfits put on a shooting exhibition outscoring the Dundaff Gang 90-46. Big Jim Slebodnik popped in 22 for the Misfits, backing him were Joe McMyre 20, Jack Sudesky 19 and Bobby Mancuso 16. Pat Danachak contributed 22 for the Gang and center Jerry Gravine canned 18.

Women's racquetball

The Carbondale YMCA hosted a Women's Singles Holiday Racquetball Tournament December 19 through January 3. Eleven contenders entered the open double-elimination tournament. Lori Montgomery and Marlene DeFazio advanced to the championship bracket and met in a hard-fought, exciting contest. DeFazio edged by Montogmery 16 to 14 in the first game, but Montgomery pulled herself up and defeated 15 to 7 and 15 to 10 in the next two games to take the match and the first place trophy.

In the consolation division, Susan Mancuso and Ann Andrews progressed to the finals, where they met for the first place award. They gained were also extremely close, as Mancuso topped Andrews 15 to 13 only to lose the second game by the same score. The tie-breaking game also ended 15 to 13, but Mancuso emerged on top the last time to earn the first place consolation trophy.

Featuring Andre The Giant

Wrestling match slated here for January 22

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Holy Name Society welcomes the World Wrestling Federation into Carbondale, Sunday, January 22, at the Carbondale Area High School. The matches will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The roster for the competition looks like this: in the Tag Team Corner, defending the Belt against Mister Fuji and Tiger Chung Lee is the Champions, Rocky Johnson and Tony Atlas.

The main event scheduled for one fall will a one hour time limit is the eighth wonder of the world, Andre The Giant, battling the Masked Superstar. Will Andre reveal to us this man?

Other matches include the likes of Salvatore Bellomo against Mr. Wonderful, Paul Orndorff. The ever popular Eddie Gilbert matches his strength against Rene Goulet. Rounding out the card will be Brian Blair against Charlie Fulton. Tickets are on sale at Clause's Beverage and Bob's Variety.

Lakeland schedules

Lakeland notes for the remainder of the week are, January 11 - Freshman basketball game vs. Old Forge, home at 4:00 p.m.; boy's basketball game at Old Forge - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

January 12 - Girls' basketball game vs. Bishop O'Hara, home - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity.

January 13 - Freshman basketball game vs. Bishop O'Hara, home at 4 p.m.; boys' basketball game at Bishop O'Hara - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

January 14 - 7th and 8th grade basketball game vs. Mount Carmel, home at 1 p.m.; girls' basketball game at Valley View - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

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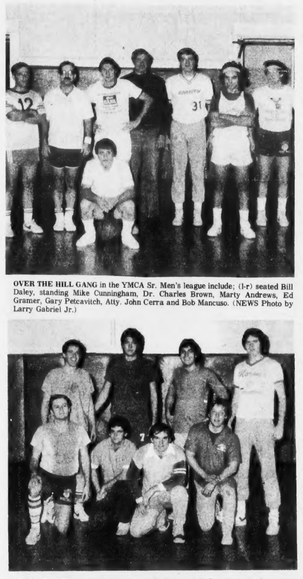
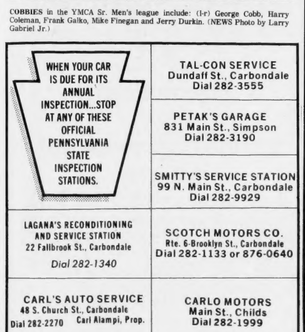


OVER THE HILL GANG in the YMCA Sr. Men's league include; (l-r) seated Bill Daley, standing Mike Cunningham, Dr. Cerra, Dennis Brown, Marty Andrews, Ed Gramer, Gary Petcavitch, Atty. John Cerra and Bob Mancuso. (NEWS Photo by Larry Gabriel Jr.)

BRADY BUNCH in the YMCA Sr. Men's league include: Kneeling (l-r) Tom Hamilton, Carl Durkin, Mike Brady and Gerry Jablonowski. Standing (l-r) Steve Durkin, Bob Brady, Len Brady and Jerry Monahan. (NEWS Photo by Larry Gabriel Jr.)



COBBIES in the YMCA Sr. Men's league include: (l-r) George Cobb, Harry Coleman, Frank Galko, Mike Finegan and Jerry Durkin. (NEWS Photo by Larry Gabriel Jr.)

Smoke Rings
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Shawnee Mt., Pennsylvania, has been selected as the site of the 1984 Grand Marnier Ski Club Challenge - Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships, January 28-29, it was announced by Michel Roux, president of Carillon Importers, Ltd., exclusive U.S. importers of the French liqueur.

The winning team for the Shawnee Mt. regional earns an all-expense paid trip to Keystone, Colorado, representing the Mid-Atlantic region against six other regional champions at the Grand Marnier National Finals, April 8-14. Second place finishers also qualify to compete in the Grand Marnier nationals.

In making the announcement, Roux said he expects the competition at Shawnee Mt. to draw a record number of club challengers.

"We are extremely happy to be able to provide the opportunity for amateur skiers to compete on a level comparable to the international circuit. The Ski Club Challenge has proven to be an exciting event for competitors and spectators alike and Grand Marnier is proud to be sponsoring this thrilling competition again," Roux stated.

This is the sixth year that Grand Marnier Liqueur has sponsored the Ski Club Challenge. In the past five years, more than 31,000 amateur skiers from over 600 ski clubs, nationwide, have competed.

The Grand Marnier Ski Club Challenge pits six-member ski clubs from across the country against each other in head-to-head giant slalom races. Each club team is composed of three male and three female amateur skiers.

The Grand Marnier Ski Club Challenge also is a fundraising program for the U.S. Ski team and is an industry support program of SKIING Magazine, administered by Action Sports Marketing, Inc.

Babe Ruth Baseball International President Ron Tellefsen has officially announced the awarding of the first Babe Ruth Bambino World Series of Shelbyville, Indiana. The series will be held August 11-18, 1984.

Tellefsen noted that the Babe Ruth Bambino Division, which operates only in the United States and Canada, is for players 13-years-old and under.

"The awarding of the Series was based on Shelbyville's local enthusiasm, fantastic news media coverage, and the support of Mayor Dan Theobald, the Chamber of Commerce and the State Government," Tellefsen stated. "We were also impressed with the proposed improvements to the existing ballpark as well as with the competence of Host President Bill Lack."

The 1984 Bambino World Series will be the fourth competitions of its kind to highlight the International Babe Ruth Baseball program. Babe Ruth Baseball's three other World Series include the 13-15 World Series, the 16-18 World Series and the 13 Year Old World Series. Information on any of Babe Ruth Baseball's divisions can be obtained by writing International Headquarters, P.O. Box 5000, Trenton, New Jersey 08638.

The fast pacing mare Albaquel has been selected the December Harness Horse of the Month by the United States Trotting Association after defeating the best distaffs in training while the sweeping the Orange Blossom Pacing Series of Pompano Park.

A black daughter of Albatross owned by Richard Staley of California, Albaquel invaded Pompano in early December, with trainer Doug Ackerman entrusting the care of the mare to his brother Jack. After an honorable effort behind Cam Fella in her Florida debut, Albaquel waltzed through all three of her starts in the Orange Blossom, defeating such tough females as Lucky Lady and Katie Robs while taking the $50,000 series final on December 23 in a swift 1:56 flat.

The trio of victories boosted Albaquel's 1983 win total to 15, and the winner's share of the Orange Blossom purses elevated the mare's bankroll to $175,137 for the year and $467,022 lifetime. Among Albaquel's other 1983 accomplishments was a 1:54.2 world record for four-year-old pacing mares at The Meadowlands.

Honorable mention for December Horse of the Month goes to Shannon Fella, who finished no worse than second in four starts against the top open pacers at Roosevelt. The son of Raven Hanover, owned by D. Alvin Cummins and JEF's Stanbardbred Country Club, showed two victories in the last month of the year, taking his final two starts in 2:00 and 2:00:1.

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